Subhash Chandra Bose into a Memorial Museum of National standard with the partial assistance of Central Government.

Monuments damaged in earthquake in Gujarat

453. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments damaged in the recent earthquake in Gujarat;

(b) the number of monuments totally damaged and the number of monuments partially damaged;

(c) whether help from any institution or organisation sought for reconstruction of those monuments; and

(d) if so, which are those institutions/organisations and what kind of assistance, the ASI is going to get from them?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Out of the monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India in Gujarat, sixty eight monuments have been damaged partially whereas two have been totally damaged in the earthquake occurred in January, 2001.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Steps taken to improve Tourism

454. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry during the last two years to improve tourism in the country;

(b) whether any proposal from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, to adopt open sky policy to attract tourists all over the world is pending before the Government; and

(c) if so, the details of such policy?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE